

# **Working with Large Animals**

# Can youth do this job safely?

Youth must be able to do/have all of the following to perform this job safely:

- · Avoid loose clothing, clothes with strings, tie up long hair
- · Comfortable around large animals
- · Good peripheral vision
- Recognize a hazard, problem solve, and respond appropriately
- · React quickly to hazards
- · Maintain access to and reach escape route
- · Mature enough to consistently do what is expected
- · Think through actions and consequences before acting
- · Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times
- · Maintain two-way communication link



### **Adult Responsibilities**

- · Comply with the working outdoors guideline
- · Verify ventilation system is working properly
- Ensure equipment is mechanically sound and safety features are in place
- Ensure work area is as free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- · Provide appropriate training
- Establish an escape route/plan
- · Confirm animals are free of disease and injuries
- · Provide youth with herding tool/sorting stick
- Demonstrate how to safely work with large animals

### Supervision

Note: These guidelines are meant for <u>working</u> with large animals. Younger youth may be able to show animals and ride trained horses safely, depending on the temperament of the animal and the environment of the activity.

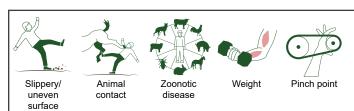
12-15 yrs Constant supervision progressing to

intermittent

**16+ yrs** Intermittent supervision progressing to

periodic

#### **Hazards**



# **Protective Strategies**



